

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STOCKH 01363 290837Z

11

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 OMB-01 DPW-01 IO-14 ACDA-19 SAJ-01 NIC-01

DRC-01 /149 W

----- 006915

P R 281550Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1699

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1363

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VN, VS, SW

SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

REF: STOCKHOLM 1294

1. DURING MY CALL TODAY ON MFA ACTING DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (EDELSTAM) ON OTHER BUSINESS, HE RAISED SUBJECT OF MY MARCH 26 DEMARCHE (REFTEL). HE SAID HE HAD IMMEDIATELY INFORMED FORNMINISTER ANDERSSON, WHO WAS "TAKEN ABACK." HE SAID ANDERSSON FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN.

2. EDELSTAM SAID SWEDEN HAD HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS A HUMANITARIAN AID PROGRAM FOR PRG (KNOWN HERE OFFICIALLY AS NLF). HE SAID PROGRAM WAS CONTINUING AND IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT PRG DELEGATION HERE WOULD MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY AID MINISTER GERTRUD SIGURDSSON. HE SAID THIS WAS APPROPRIATE IN  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STOCKH 01363 290837Z

THIS CASE SINCE PRG DELEGATION CHIEF WAS HEALTH MINISTER

AND MOST GOS AID TO PRG WAS IN HEALTH FIELD.

3. I GAVE AS MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT A MEETING OF PRG OFFICIALS WITH MRS. SIGURDSSON WAS IN ITSELF NOT LIKELY TO GIVE US PROBLEMS. I SAID WHAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT, I BELIEVED, WAS ANY ACTIONS THAT COULD BE REPRESENTED AS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BY SWEDEN OF PRG. EDELSTAM SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF THAT. I SAID I HOPED THAT WOULD PROVE TO BE THE CASE. EDELSTAM SAID SOME SWEDISH NEWSPAPERS WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE CARRYING BIG STORIES ON THE CONFERENCE AND REMINDED ME THAT GOS HAD NO CONTROL OVER WHAT THEY PRINTED.

4. I SAID WE IN EMBASSY HAD LEARNED HOW TO READ SWEDISH NEWSPAPERS. WE WOULD BE WATCHING WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE, NOT WHAT NEWSPAPERS SAID TOOK PLACE OR HOW THEY INTERPRETED IT. EDELSTAM SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD "GET PAST THIS ALL RIGHT." I SAID HE SHOULD KNOW THERE WAS HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN THE MATTER IN USG.

COMMENT: SWEDES ARE REALLY PUZZLED BY OUR CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY REGARD AS A RATHER MINOR PRG PROPAGANDA EFFORT. EDELSTAM WAS TRYING TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT GOS IS BREAKING NO NEW GROUND IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE AND INDEED IS RATHER LOW-KEYING THIS SHOW AS COMPARED TO PAST EXTRAVAGANZAS.  
OLSEN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** RECOGNITION, MEDICAL CARE, MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 28 MAR 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** boyleja  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STOCKH01363  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740069-0021  
**From:** STOCKHOLM  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t1974036/aaaaafpf.tel  
**Line Count:** 88  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** STOCKHOLM 1294  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** boyleja  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <29 MAY 2002 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <24-Sep-2002 by boyleja>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM  
**TAGS:** PFOR, VN, VS, SW, PRG  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005